



NSA Relationship With the Israeli SIGINT National Unit

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Israeli SIGINT National UNIT

"Who Are Those Guys?"

- SIGINT arm of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)
- Hqtrs in Tel Aviv - other production - *inFoernal*
Centers - Syria, PA, Egypt, Lebanon
- Approximately 5,500 enlisted conscripts
- 1,200 career officers - *worked hard / Low Pay.*
- *2nd TO AIR FORCE*
- NSA's Most Valued Third Party partner - *MCDA*
- Strong analytic and technical capabilities - *DA/AA*
- Planned Move to Negev - *NOT POSSIBLE*

**-collected from 22 countries
- intelligence*

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Terms of SIGINT Relationship with Israel

- Initiated by CIA 1950s
 - * SECRET level technology exchange for SIGINT

Formal Relationship With NSA 1970s

- * initially CAT II - *CT Focus*

- * later expanded to CAT III - *Added the same tool for security guarantees*

Guidelines for SIGINT Cooperation

CHIPPEWA Circuit: 24/7 direct link

- * *10.6 million last year*

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Guidelines For SIGINT Cooperation with Israel

- 1984 - Identifies and defines areas of exchange (analytical and technical)
- 1989-revised to reflect growth in the partnership
- Broadly Written
- Cooperation is FORNSAT-based
 - *some notable exceptions

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Representation

- 1992 - First SIGINT Liaison Officer in Tel Aviv
- ISNU Washington Liaison Officer
 - * Based from Israeli Embassy
 - * Frequent visits to NSA

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June 2007 Temporary SLO

■ Fill-in During SLO R&R

- * cover position
- * In-country SIGINT support to COS and US Ambassador
- * ensures coordination between NSAW and ISNU

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Events in Gaza and Northern Israel

- Kidnapping of Cpl Gil'ad Shalit, IDF soldier, on 25 June, in Israeli territory
- SUMMER RAIN - IDF Response
- 12 July ambush and kidnapping of two IDF in Northern Israel
- CHANGE OF DIRECTION -IDF
- BROKEN SHELL -ISNU
- War Scenario • Kill Butt - the wance
Pier Power
- High anxiety - heavy reliance on NSA for support

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What Did ISNU Want?

- Everything!!!

- ◆ Heavy Israeli focus on:

- * soldier's condition and location
 - * geolocational data - *Problema Area Data Letter*
 - * Iran's role in kidnappings
 - * tactical ELINT
 - * increased tasking of NSA collection

- USG policy issues

- * geolocational data
 - * NSA resources

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Israeli Expectations vs Reality

- ISNU Commander address workforce
"long haul -
- Assessed as short-duration IDF operation
 - * eradicate Hizballah's rocket capability from S. Lebanon
 - * effect release of kidnapped soldiers

ISG enjoys popular "9/11- type" support

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Reality Check

- Hizballah well-prepared/motivated
 - terrain favored Hizb
 - Didn't exhibit lessons learned from previous encounters
 - lack of coord/agreement within IDF
- Logistical support from Iran and Syria - ZELZAL

- Use of civilian neighborhoods

- Bad world press

Lost 2 from ISAN.

* HADIT Failed to engage with close in weapons systems
 crew not on right frame of mind

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Life In Tel Aviv

- Business as usual
- Hotels and restaurants packed
- Increased terror/missile threat
 - Dinosaur hang glider
 - Jettis
- Little sympathy for civilian non-Israeli casualties from man-on-the street

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Aftermath

- Public confidence in IDF erodes
 - * IDF image damaged
- Political fallout
 - * Olmert popularity plunges
 - * IDF CoS sacked – more to come
 - * Military morale/confidence low

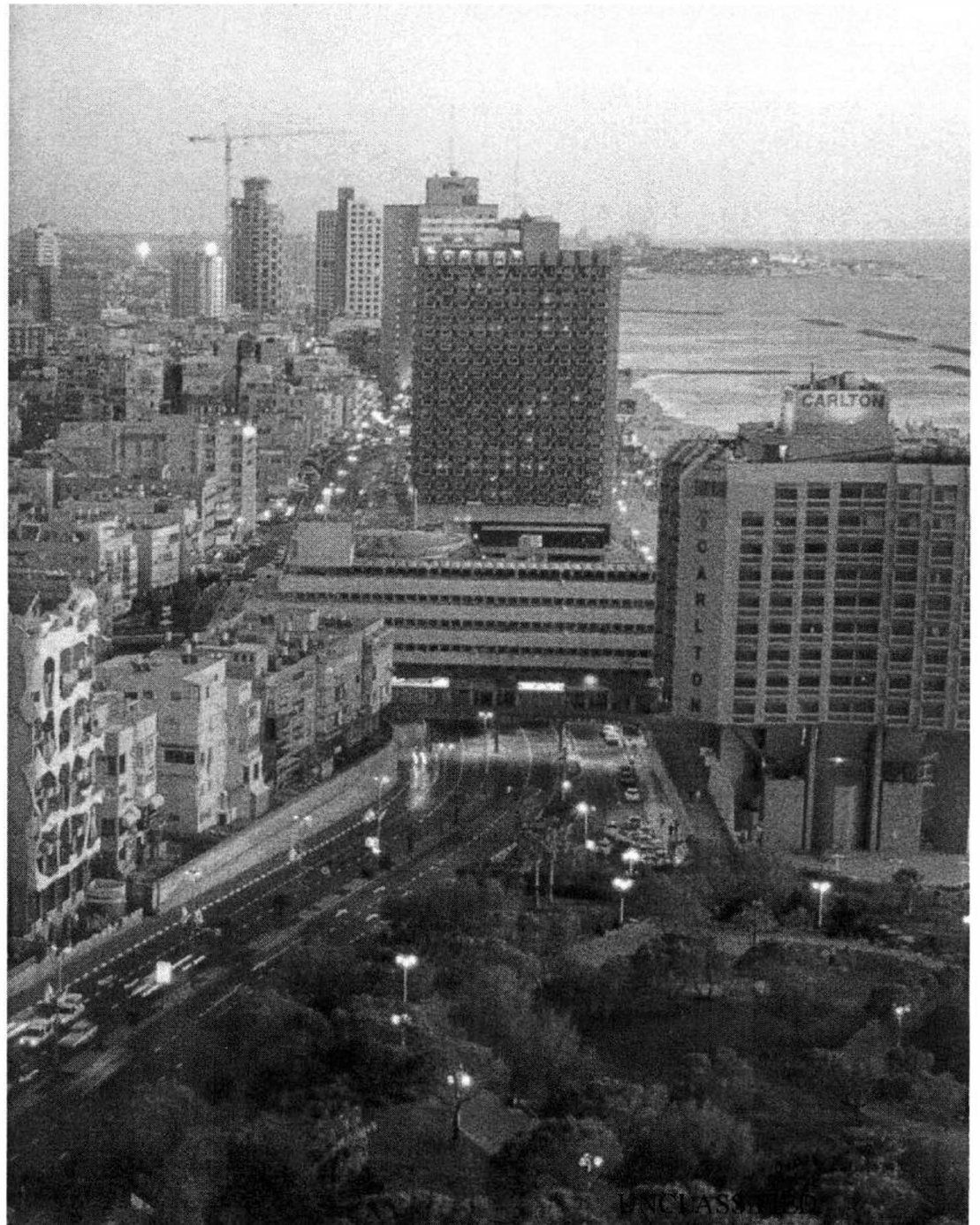
ISNU Gearing for Round II this Summer

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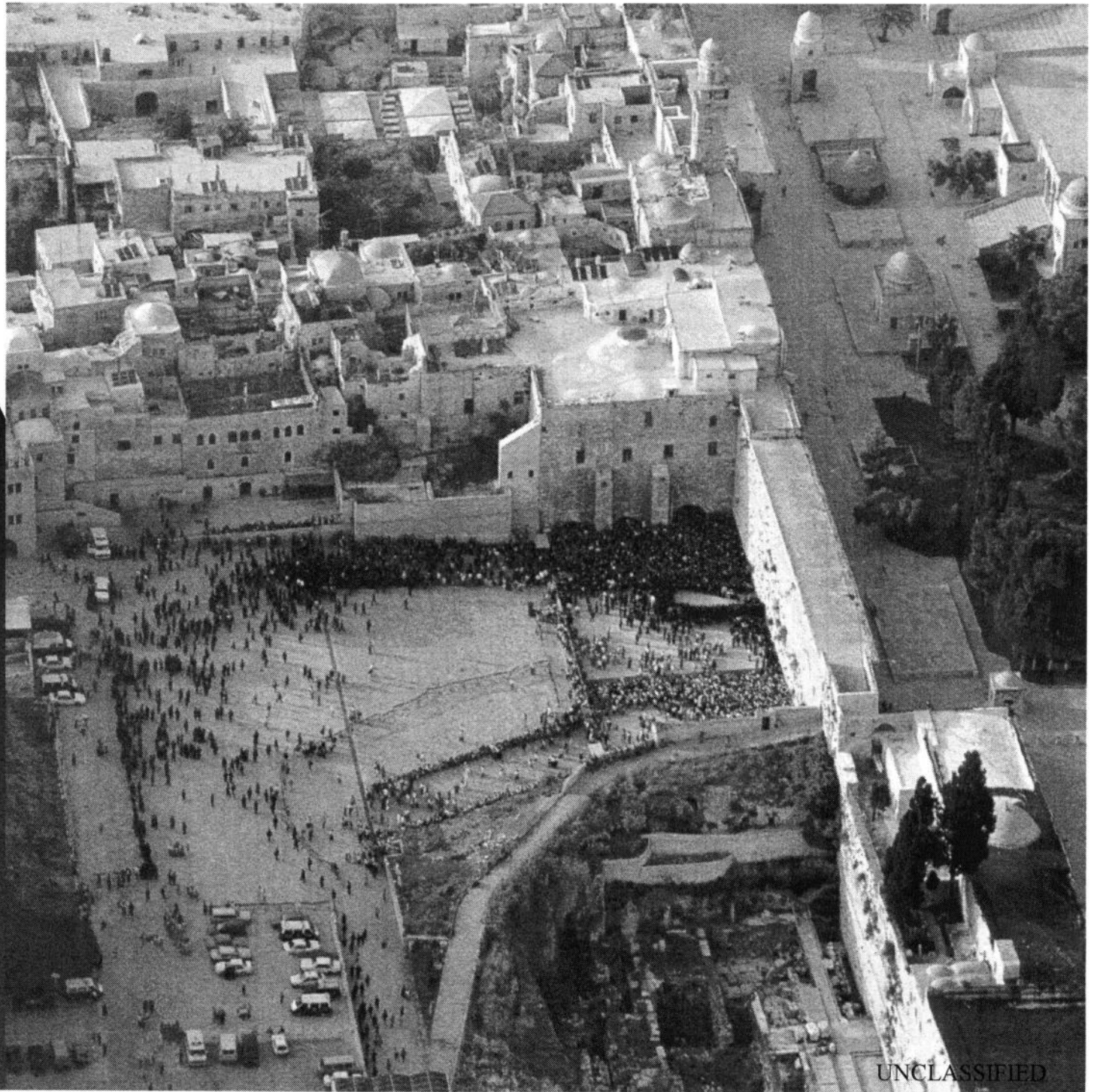
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A black and white photograph of a stone archway, possibly part of a castle or fortress. The arch is made of large, rough-hewn stones. In the background, through the arch, there is a smaller, dark, arched opening in a stone wall. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in large, bold, stylized text across the center of the image. The text is dark with a white outline and a slight shadow, giving it a 3D appearance. The question mark is particularly large and prominent.

Questions?